Mr. Matthew Rothschild, editor
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Dear Mr. Rothschild,

When I cancelled my subscription under Erwin Knoll I did not ask for any refund. I simply did not want to see any updated Hitlerism. I was an adult when other intellectuals and writers endorsed some of that evil, some all of it, and I was writing about it before World War II. I do not now recall whether I again asked that it nor be sent me when it continued to come but I do ask again that you do not continue to offend me by continuing to send me what differes in degree only from the original form as you continue to support another holocaust.

When I saw Edward Said's name on the cover, partly obliterated by the mailing label, I looked at the tabel of contents. There is no essentisl difference between his saying that any form of peace in that troubled part of the word is "Declaring War on Islam" and Hitler's spurious claim that Poland was attacking him when he attacked it. Your table of contents says of his distribe, as all his are, that "We are now confronting the terrible legacy of Sharm el Sheikh." I then looked at the beginning of what he wrote. He compares any Jews being where all Jews come from with the British in India. I went no farthur. Hitlerism is Hitlerism no matter how it may be gilded.

Under any condition, this would have offended me deeply. It did so more this time because I am just hone from two weeks in the hospital. Any reminder of the most terrible evils of the past is deeply upsetting to me and I am sure to many others. So, it upset me more. Even more when I considered that this Hitlerism also reaches some of the young among those its Hitlerism was intended to reach and influence.

You have ever right to shame yourselves, the publication you publish and decency and honesty in writing but you do not have the right to inflict it on me.

I ask again that you stip sending this disgusting shit.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

It is not even shit. In many parts of the world that is put to good use. There is no good in another holocaust of any size at all.